

To those who would attempt to target our networks and systems, I have a message for you: We will find you. Malign activity in cyberspace that targets critical infrastructure or causes immense property damage is not the behavior of responsible nations, and we will not tolerate it.

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THE ONE-MINUTE STORY OF A ONE-YEAR-OLD

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this is the 1-minute story of Kelly Dore.

Kelly's biological father began trafficking her for sex in the first year of her life. The evildoer continued to do so for 14 years. Kelly spent her childhood in a living hell most of us cannot even contemplate.

Her kindergarten memories are not of playtime and story time; instead, they consisted of hiding in the bathroom because the repeated trauma caused uncontrollable bleeding.

The evildoer threatened to kill Kelly's mother if Kelly ever told.

At 14 years, Kelly liberated herself from this depravity by testifying against her father in a courtroom. Miraculously, she not only survived the ordeal, but she became an advocate.

Today, Kelly works to strengthen trafficking laws, giving an inspirational voice for victims of human trafficking like her.

No child should ever have to go through what Kelly went through. Congress must join Kelly in the fight against the buying and selling of our children on the marketplace of sex trafficking.

And that is just the way it is.

SYRIA

(Ms. GABBARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, 2 days ago, President Trump and Vice President PENCE delivered solemn speeches about the attacks on 9/11, talking about how much they care about the victims of al-Qaida's attack on our country, but they are now standing up to protect the 20,000 to 40,000 al-Qaida and other jihadist forces in Syria, threatening Russia, Syria, and Iran with military force if they dare attack these terrorists.

This is a betrayal of the American people, especially the victims of al-Qaida's attack on 9/11 and their families, first responders, and to my brothers and sisters in uniform who have been killed or wounded in action and their families.

For the President, who is Commander in Chief, to act as the protective big brother of al-Qaida and other jihadists must be condemned by every Member of Congress.

HEALTHSOUTH'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize HealthSouth Nittany Valley Rehabilitation Hospital on 35 years of excellence in rehabilitation care.

HealthSouth is a rehabilitation hospital in Pleasant Gap, Pennsylvania, that offers comprehensive inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services designed to return patients to leading active and independent lives.

Mr. Speaker, I know firsthand the dedicated work these highly skilled professionals perform each day at HealthSouth. Before coming to Congress, I worked for 30 years as a therapist, a rehabilitation services director, and a licensed nursing home administrator.

There is no greater joy than to see your patients make progress after a debilitating event such as a stroke, a spinal cord injury, a brain injury, or a motor vehicle accident.

HealthSouth is fortunate to be led by Chief Executive Officer Susan Hartman, a long-time rehabilitation professional who joined HealthSouth in 1994 and was named CEO in 2005.

I congratulate CEO Hartman and the entire staff at HealthSouth on 35 years of dedicated service to the community. They are committed to providing patients with comfort, professionalism, and respect throughout their rehabilitation experience, and we are grateful for their high level of care.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to act to reauthorize and extend the Violence Against Women Act.

Enacted back in 1994, the Violence Against Women Act has provided invaluable support and resources to women impacted by domestic violence across Minnesota and across our country. It has funded hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants to groups like the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and Cornerstone Advocacy Services, which provides counseling and therapy services to victims.

The Violence Against Women Act, Mr. Speaker, is critical to preventing domestic violence and sexual assault and helping victims get the treatment and justice they deserve.

I have authored a provision that has been included in past reauthorizations.

For decades the Violence Against Women Act has been reauthorized with strong bipartisan support, but it expires at the end of this month, and I urge my colleagues in joining me in

calling for its extension, because victims of domestic violence are counting on it.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, over the last 2 years, members of the Judiciary Committee and my committee, the Criminal Justice Subcommittee, which I serve as the ranking member, have worked extensively with groups all over the Nation to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act, and we have done so in a bipartisan and nonpartisan manner.

The bill is written. It was introduced on July—just a month ago—26, 2018.

Victims are waiting for the reauthorization that will improve the Violence Against Women Act. In fact, law enforcement are waiting, victims are waiting, those who have experienced sexual assault and sexual harassment.

And I would just tell my friends on the other side of the aisle, Republican leadership needs to put that bill on the floor of the House and put it on the floor now.

Again, this is not a partisan bill. It has been crafted and supported by faith organizations and advocacy groups for women and victims. It is supported by law enforcement.

So, Mr. Speaker, we can do our job and we should do our job. When we come back from our recess that we work in our districts, let us put on the floor the Violence Against Women Act and let's vote for it now.

CONDEMNING IRAN'S PERSECUTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BAHAI FAITH

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 274, which was introduced by my colleague, Ms. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN.

This legislation condemns the government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of international covenants on human rights.

Following the Islamic revolution of Iran in 1979, members of the Baha'i Faith, the largest non-Muslim religious minority in the country, have been subjected to relentless persecution. In Iran, no rights or protections are accorded to those who are adherents of religions not recognized under the Iranian constitution.

The Iranian government refuses to recognize the Baha'i Faith as a religion and justifies persecution of the Baha'i under this pretext.

Iran has criminalized ordinary Baha'i religious practices of worship, religious training, and fellowship. It has also denied Baha'i people government pension